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Good Nonfiction

Reference

Duff, Annis. "Bequest of wings." Viking Press $2 **028.5**

An ex-librarian and bookseller writes with enthusiasm and charm of her "family's pleasures with books" and of the use of reading as a constant accompaniment to the development of her two young children, a girl and a boy. She gives specific suggestions about titles that have been enjoyed and recounts the children's experiences with poetry, new words, pictures, music, fairy tales etc. Lists of recommended books and phonograph records and sources for obtaining prints for a family art collection in appendix.

Books, children & men by Paul Hazard; tr. by Marguerite Mitchell (Horn Book $3 **028.5**) embodies an eminent French scholar's views on children's books which, he says, "keep alive a sense of nationality" and "a sense of humanity." Distinguished in both style and format. Bibliography.

Child Study and Religion

Fosdick, H. E. A great time to be alive; sermons on Christianity in wartime. Harper $2 **252**

Of both social and spiritual significance, this is a collection of 25 Sunday morning messages presented by Doctor Fosdick in the Riverside Church, New York, during the momentous months since America's military participation in World War II began. In abbreviated form the sermons were given over the radio.

Hurlock, E. B. (*Mrs* **I. M. Beckman**). Modern ways with children. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $2.75 **136.7**

Drawing on her own experience as mother and teacher and presenting scientific material in nontechnical terms, Doctor Hurlock, of the Department of Psychology, Columbia University, offers parents, teachers and all those concerned with children a sane, comprehensive and practical volume on the guidance of young children. Frequent examples of typical behavior illustrate helpful methods of dealing with such phases of child development as eating and sleeping problems, the acquiring of motor skills, speech training, the controlling of childhood emotion, socialization and play, good and bad habits, new and mysterious interests and experiences and "sick" personalities. Suggested readings, index.

Livingston, Sigmund. Must men hate? Harper $2.50 **296**

Convinced that "religious prejudice and mass hatred will be vanquished, in time, by reason and truth," the founder and chairman of the Anti-Defamation League analyzes anti-Semitism and sketches the long development of hatred against the Jew, emphasizing the inconsistency of anti-Semitism with the principles of American democracy and the ethical basis of Christianity. False accusations and current myths and hoaxes are examined, while the Jew's position in America, differences between Judaism and Christianity and

† Indicates books which while written for adults are suitable also for use in high school libraries.

other vital problems are candidly and objectively treated. Selected list of 700 Jews who have made notable contributions to modern civilization and other factual material in appendix, bibliography, index.

Morgan, T. B. The listening post; eighteen years on Vatican hill. Putnam $3 **282**

As head of the United Press office in Rome, Thomas Morgan, a non-Catholic, "covered" Vatican Hill and so came to understand the "wonder of its domain." In this delightfully written, anecdotal report, he tells how the Vatican came about and how it developed into a state, explains the complex workings of the Vatican Chancellery, gives examples of courageous and ingenious means of preserving the bond betwen people and Pope in the present World War and shows the influence on international relations of the Holy See. He also describes the career and personality of Pope Pius XII and the sending of the President's personal representative to the Vatican. Index.

Samuel, Maurice. Harvest in the desert. Knopf $3 **296**

Colored by his "positive attitude toward the enterprise," but using facts and figures that are "objectively reliable," the author of *The world of Sholom Aleichem* (*Bookmark* August, 1943) traces with warm sympathy the growth of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine and portrays the forces and personalities that influenced its development. Arab-Jewish relations against the background of British policy are also considered.

Economics, Sociology, Military and Political Science etc.

Botkin, B. A., *ed.* A treasury of American folklore. Crown $3 **398.3**

A "richly human and entertaining" collection of American folklore, including old songs, stories and sayings, old beliefs, customs and practices, homespun humor and verses and sketches with local color. Intermingling short and long pieces, the material is arranged under the general headings, Heroes and boasters, Boosters and knockers, Jesters, Liars, Folk tales and legends, and Songs and rhymes. An encyclopedic volume, valuable as a source book for those concerned with American culture. The editor is assistant in charge of the Archive of American folksong in the Library of Congress. Index of authors, titles, and first lines of songs, index of subjects and names.

†**Bowman, Constance.** Slacks and callouses. Longmans $2 **331.4**

A San Diego English teacher and an art teacher decided to spend their two months' summer vacation on the Consolidated swing shift helping to build Liberators. Not quite sure what "they could do to bombers — that would be useful," they were thrilled to be assigned to making final installations "actually in the planes." In a breezy, spontaneously humorous but nonetheless genuinely informing account, pointed up by the lively sketches of the art teacher, Constance Bowman relates their experiences beginning with their first bewildered week on through a time of increasing enthusiasm and expertness, with descriptions of just what the work involved, their relations and conversations with their foremen and fellow workers and such minor crises as the futile attempt to compel the women to wear caps to cover their hair.

†**Friendly, Alfred.** The guys on the ground. (Eagle bk) Duell $2.50 **358.4**

Paying tribute to the ingenuity, resourcefulness and plain hard work of the men and women of Air Service Command, this informal, realistic, anecdotal report describes the accomplishments of those whose job it is to furnish each year, through area depots and other installations, some ten billion dollars' worth of airplane parts and specialities and to fix, with the exception of relatively minor repairs, every American plane that flies. The book cites fabulous examples of reclamation, rebuilding and modification and of the imaginative use of material "scrounged" from battlefields in various parts of the world. Photographs by the Air Service Command.

†**Gallup, G. H.** A guide to public opinion polls. Princeton Univ. Press $1.50 **301.154**

How can polls aid and abet the processes of democracy? How many persons have to be included in a poll to obtain reliable results? What is the

actual procedure which an interviewer follows? To what extent are election returns a guide to polling accuracy? These are some of the typical questions, most frequently asked of polling organizations, which are answered by the director of the Institute of Public Opinion in this stimulating, enlightening and popular reference volume, providing the reader with a better conception of methods employed in the field of public opinion research and with a better understanding of the value to democratic governments of the information obtained.

Gibson, Hugh. The road to foreign policy. Doubleday $2.50 **327.73**

The former United States ambassador to Belgium and Brazil examines frankly and dispassionately "the existing obstacles to our having an adequate foreign policy" and makes specific suggestions for developing "the sort of policy and diplomacy we need." Giving illustrations from our history, Hugh Gibson discusses in plain, everyday terms such timely problems as the sanctity of treaties, secret and open diplomacy, American leadership in world affairs, the relation of the Department of State and of the Senate to foreign affairs and democratic control of policy. Documentary material and information about the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in appendix.

Graham, E. H. Natural principles of land use. Oxford Univ. Press $3.50 **333.7**

In a clear, informing, scientific study, the chief of the Biology Division, Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, considers "the relation and importance of natural principles to land-management methods." Biological aspects of land use are emphasized, including the distribution of living things on the land surface, constant changes in the composition of communities, land as an environmental influence, climatic factors as they relate to crop production, soil characteristics, wild life and water areas, exotic plants and animals and their control. For the land manager and interested layman. Maps and numerous instructive photographs, mainly from the United States Soil Conservation Service, figures, tables. Bibliography, list of scientific names, index.

Mack, Gerstle. The land divided. Knopf $6 **386.4**

Detailed general history of the Panama canal and of all interoceanic canal projects in the American continent from the Arctic ocean to Cape Horn. Extending from the discovery of the New World to the present day, the book touches on all phases of the canal problem — the political, economic, strategic, hygienic and engineering aspects, special events and episodes, individual schemes and adventures. Authoritative, definitive and valuable for reference, the volume, though containing technical and statistical material, is extremely readable and interesting. Maps, diagrams, photographs. Reference notes, notes on map and diagram sources. Bibliography, index.

Mather, K. F. Enough and to spare. Harper $2 **333**

A pertinent, timely and cogent plea for the cooperative life of universal brotherhood by the professor of geology in Harvard University. Proving by world statistics that the bounties of nature are adequate to supply all mankind with the means of comfortable existence though they are unevenly scattered over the face of the earth, the author proceeds to discuss the need for the wholehearted acceptance of the fact of interdependence and a coordination of activities within a world organization in accordance with democratic principles. In a challenging conclusion the individual American citizen's responsibility in "the advance from an uncontrolled, competitive economy to a regulated, cooperative one" is stressed. Notes on natural resources and their utilization and statistical data in appendix. Bibliography, references, index.

†**Miller, Max.** Daybreak for our carrier. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $2.50 **359.32**

Never forgetting the men's reactions to the many facets of life aboard a United States aircraft carrier, this admirably lucid book describes the pattern of the days at sea, culminating in an attack on an enemy base. Lieutenant Max Miller's informal yet fluent prose combined with the fine action photographs provides a clear-cut picture of a flat-top's activities, such as the uses and fascination of a readyroom, the daily pre-dawn call to "General

Quarters," the duties and art of the landing signal officer, preparation for D Day and the operation of an attacking plane. Attractive in format with photograph frontispiece and 40 official U. S. Navy photographs by Charles E. Kerlee.

Perkins, Dexter. America and two wars. Little $2 **327.73**

Succinct and pertinent review of American foreign policy during the past 30 years by the author of *Hands off* (*Bookmark*, November 1941). Relating the implications of the past to "the complex and perilous future," the chapters inform the intelligent citizen of the gradual emergence of the United States as a world power, her involvement in the first World War, the objectives of Wilsonian diplomacy, 1917–18, the fundamental weakness of the Treaty of Versailles, of foreign policy in the intermediate years, 1914–39, and of diplomacy in the present World War. Index.

Ross, *Mrs* **N. W.** Westward the women. Knopf $2.75 **396**

Quoting contemporary letters and diaries, this entertaining and well-documented narrative recounts the "intimate, heroic, sordid, and glorious saga of the women of the covered-wagon trains moving westward" in 19th century America. The strain and hardships of the long journey over the Rocky mountains, the deprivations and discomforts endured in the perilous Oregon wilderness and pioneer women's robust response to their new life and problems are described through the experiences of such spirited and courageous women as Narcissa Whitman, Sister Mary Loyola and Doctor Bethemia Owens, while the "budding feminism," flourishing in rude Western settlements, is presented as challenging to women of this generation. Inoffensive chapter on "sporting women." Reading list.

†**United States. Army air forces.** Official guide to the Army air forces: AAF; a directory, almanac and chronicle of achievement. Simon $2.50 **358.4**

Comprehensive, useful and accurate volume, giving in compact form explicit information about the United States Army Air Forces. It tells how our air organization operates, describes the personnel, including brief biographies and photographs of AAF leaders, explains requirements for training in different branches of the service and deals with equipment, transportation and supply, strategic and tactical operations and the combat air forces. Decorated end papers, photograph frontispiece and many other photographs, three full-color pages of insignia and awards, maps, drawings, diagrams. War calendar, historical highlights, selected bibliography and abbreviations and AAF vernacular in appendix, index.

Wecter, Dixon. When Johnny comes marching home. Houghton $3 **355.115**

Based on contemporary newspapers, letters and other source material, this important and timely record by the author of *The hero in America* (*Bookmark*, January 1941) depicts the American soldier's return to civilian life after the Revolution, the Civil War and the first World War. Showing how we may learn from the past "in measuring what lies before us," Dixon Wecter portrays the veteran's economic and psychological problems, his adjustment to home and society, to the job and to his part in national politics. Concluding chapters take up plans for demobilization after this war. Notes, index.

†**Wynner, Edith, & Lloyd, Georgia.** Searchlight on peace plans. Dutton $5 **341.1**

Tracing the evolution of international peace plans from the 14th century up to the present, this pithy, comprehensive and authoritative analysis presents in outline form the essentials of some 200 specific proposals for world peace. The material in this valuable reference volume is arranged chronologically under theoretical and practical attempts with subdivisions by type for plans since 1914. Two double-page maps and three pictorial charts. Definitions of technical terms, index.

The great decision by J. T. Shotwell (Macmillan $3 **341.1**) is an enlightening study of the technical as well as the political problems involved in the elimination of war as an instrument of national policy. Summarizing the conclusions of the Commission to Study the Organization of Peace, the Bryce

professor of the history of international relations, Columbia University, considers such topics as the nature and consequences of total war, the reduction and control of armaments, organizations for livelihood and welfare and the place of the United States in world organization. Documentary material in appendixes, index.

Natural Science

†Greenhood, David. Down to earth; mapping for everybody. Holiday House $4 **526**

Divided into three parts, this inviting and readable volume tells the layman how to understand, use and appreciate maps, how to make them and how to form a map collection. A panorama of the subject is unfolded in the step-by-step explanation of such details as degrees, latitude and longitude, hatchings, contours, profiles and isograms, the equipment required for map making and for the care of maps. A quarto with map on end papers and other maps and numerous black and white drawings and diagrams by Ralph Graeter, art director of *Life*. Booklist in text, statistical material in appendix, index.

†*World maps and globes,* by Irving Fisher and O. M. Miller (Essential Books $2.50 **912**) is a brief and popular discussion of the qualities desirable in map making and of methods by which these qualities can be obtained. The text, dealing with globes versus maps, the four "cardinal virtues," shadow maps, "projections," world maps, globe-forming maps and the uses of world maps, is a "quiet accompaniment" to the maps, many in two colors, drawn by William A. Briesemeister, senior cartographer of the American Geographical Society, and others. Photographs, figures. Glossary, bibliographical notes, appendixes, questions and answers, index.

†Hooper, Alfred. An arithmetic refresher. Holt $1.50 **511**

Written to precede *A mathematics refresher* (*Bookmark,* January 1943), this simple review of elementary arithmetic applies its principles to mathematical problems likely to be met in daily life. A brief historical outline of number systems is followed by a step-by-step explanation of addition, subtraction, multiplication, whole numbers, common and decimal fractions and percentage. Drawings, diagrams and figures. Exercises, problems and answers, tables, index.

Jaffe, Bernard. Men of science in America; the role of science in the growth of our country. Simon $3.75 **509**

An informing, readable volume, depicting, through the lives and achievements of about 20 outstanding men of science, "the growth of science in the United States, especially as it modified the development of our social structure or as the rise of America influenced the kind of science which flourished there." Beginning with the late 16th century, the bulk of the book deals with significant scientific contributions of the 19th and 20th centuries, while the final chapter discusses the future of science in America. Copy of engraving showing American inventors, 1862, on end papers, one map, photographs, black and white diagrams and drawings. Sources and reference material, index.

Useful Arts

Ashley, C. W. The Ashley book of knots. Doubleday $7.50 **656**

Combining historical material with humorous anecdotes and odd bits of information, this "comprehensive and orderly book on applied knots," both practical and decorative, ranges in subject from occupational and knob knots to fancy knots, square knotting and tricks and puzzles. On each page of the handsome quarto are illustrative drawings by the author (totaling 3854), demonstrating how to tie the knot described in the accompanying text. Decorated end papers and full-page photographs. Bibliographies, glossary, index.

Brooks, B. T. Peace, plenty and petroleum. (Science for war and peace ser.) Cattell $2.50 **665.5**

An authoritative, straightforward examination of the background and causes of our present oil situation, showing how we got into it, why it is such a surprise and what to do about it. Briefly picturing the extent of the American petroleum industry up to now, the book provides facts and figures that emphasize the importance of oil to our future national security as well as to our industrial economy, discusses petroleum substitutes, points out

its apparently capricious geographical distribution and explains why the present deficiency in domestic production means dependence on foreign oil, thus highlighting the role of petroleum in postwar world politics. Maps, graphs, tables. Statistical material in appendix, index.

†**Gregory, H. F.** Anything a horse can do; the story of the helicopter. Reynal $3 **629.133**

"What is the future of the helicopter? Is it here to stay? If so, what will be some of its uses? How does it fly? When was the idea first conceived? How does it differ from conventional aircraft? What part will it play in winning the war? Is it easy to operate? Can anyone fly it?" These timely questions are answered simply and authoritatively by Major Gregory, now chief of Miscellaneous Aircraft Projects Technical Staff, Engineering Division, Materiel Command, who describes his own pioneering experiences with the helicopter and its development and accomplishments to date. Numerous clear and instructive photographs, diagrams in black and white.

Gumpert, Martin. You are younger than you think. Duell $2.75 **612.68**

Aiming "to bring about better knowledge of the process of aging and a better understanding of the second part of life," Doctor Gumpert considers in a sane, authoritative, challenging manner the biology of aging, normal old age and the social problems of aging. Nearly half of the book, the appendix, is devoted to the diseases of older age, diseases which can be prevented and cured as well as those of any other period of life. Bibliography and references, index of subjects and names.

Hedrick, U. P. Fruits for the home garden. Oxford Univ. Press $3 **634**

Useful, concise, nontechnical guide to fruit culture by a well-known horticulturist, for many years director of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva. Amateurs, backyard gardeners and commercial growers will find in the volume a comprehensive general review of the fruit grower's problems including propagation, planting plans, art of pruning and control of pests. This is followed by a series of chapters dealing with the various kinds of fruit trees, as well as the grape, bush and bramble fruits and the strawberry. The varieties of each kind of fruit are listed in the order of their ripening. Attractive in format, with title page etching, 16 full-page halftones and 31 text figures. Index.

Langewiesche-Brandt, W. E. Stick and rudder; an explanation of the art of flying. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $3.75 **629.13**

A former instructor in theory of flight, now a test pilot, gives clear, practical advice on methods of learning how an airplane flies, treating of the "angle of attack" and how it changes in flight and of the various flight conditions in which an airplane can proceed, from fast flight to mush and stall. Among the topics included are the airplane's gaits, lift and buoyancy, the flying instinct, torque, ailerons, the approach and the landing. A section on "The dangers of the air," by Leighton Collins, editor and publisher of *Air Facts*. For the student and air-minded layman. Numerous black and white drawings and diagrams by Jo Kotula. Index.

†**Ley, Willy.** Rockets; the future of travel beyond the stratosphere. Viking Press $3.50 **629.133**

A popularly written, scientific account of the past, present and future of rockets, of their long, continuous development as weapons of war and as instruments of amusement and of their promise as a new means of scientific research and of space travel. Giving in detail the history of rocket propulsion, the book provides biographical material about the men responsible for its growth and describes the purpose and use of the meteorological rocket, the space rocket and "spaceships" as well as current theories and experiments. Photographs, black and white diagrams and drawings. Notes and addenda including tables, bibliography, index.

Pierce, A. L. Quick freezing. Barrows $1 *spiral binding* **641.48**

In this "digest of authoritative information on quick freezing of foods for the home," the director of the New York Herald Tribune Institute and former editor of the Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, presents the general principles of quick freezing as well as instructive chapters

on equipment, the refrigerated locker plant, preparation of foods for freezing, the effect of freezing on nutritive values of foods and the cookery of frozen foods. Photographs. Tables. Lists of makers of wrapping materials. Bulletins on quick freezing, index.

Fine Arts

French impressionists and their contemporaries represented in American collections; pref. by Edward Alden Jewell. (Hyperion bk) Random House $5.95 **759.4**

Handsome quarto with 52 beautifully reproduced full-page color prints and 100 black and white photographs, representing the work of 23 artists. An introductory essay by Edward A. Jewell describes the growth of impressionism. Brief biographies of the artists by Aimée Crane and individual bibliographies precede the collection. Size and location of pictures indicated in captions. Because of the number of nude figures, certain more conservative libraries may wish to consider before purchase. Index and list of illustrations at the beginning of the volume.

†**Robins, J. D.** The incomplete anglers. Duell $3 **799.1**

Neither expert fishermen nor rich sportsmen with vast equipment, two incomplete anglers set forth into Algonquin Park in the Province of Ontario on a fishing and canoeing trip. To the lover of the out-of-doors, whether fisherman or not, every page of this intimate, gay narrative holds the excitement and exhilaration of shared experience. Here is the thrill of seeing moose in the bush, of encountering a bear on the trail, here are the details of setting up camp, of the long, hard portage, the shooting of rapids, here is the magic of the campfire, the dark loveliness of lonely water after sunset. Here, too is the enchantment of each new fishing ground with successes and failures faithfully recounted. Map on end papers, pen and ink sketches by Franklin Carmichael.

†**Skolsky,** *Mrs* **Syd.** Evenings with music. Dutton $3 **780.1**

Arranged in 27 "evenings," this fresh, instructive and entertaining volume offers the music lover "by means of a progressive presentation of musical material, a basic foundation in musical listening." Through a clear explanation of the make-up of the orchestra, a detailed analysis of familiar works, biographical sketches of leading composers and suggested records to be used in illustration, the layman may acquire a knowledge of musical construction, learn to identify the various instruments in the orchestral ensemble, to follow intelligently almost any symphony and to appreciate the meaning and style of various compositions. Suitable for group use and for the teacher as well as the individual. Drawings and diagrams by Pirie H. Perènyi. Suggested list for further listening, index.

Literature

†**Brooks, Van Wyck.** The world of Washington Irving. Blakiston $3.75 **810.9**

The first volume in a series on the literary history of the United States and therefore intended to precede *The flowering of New England* (*New York Libraries*, February 1937), this brilliant and witty narrative recreates with distinguished artistry the intellectual and social scene in various regions of the country between 1800 and the 1840's. Besides the more famous lives of Washington Irving, Thomas Jefferson, John James Audubon, James Fenimore Cooper, William Cullen Bryant and Edgar Allan Poe appear portrait-studies of lesser figures who also influenced American literary tradition. Steeped in rich and authentic background, the book has permanent reference value. Index.

Deutsch, Babette. Take them, stranger. Holt $2 **811.5**

With widely ranging, fresh imagery and the discriminating phrase, Babette Deutsch writes, both in rhymed and in free verse, of everyday themes that suggest stability in a troubled world. Now she expresses a mother's feelings toward a son at war or reflects on the disparity between the child's and adult's viewpoint, now she catches the mood of despair or the very essence of country stillness. Some of the poems have appeared in magazines.

Francis, Robert. The sound I listened for. Macmillan $2 **811.5**

Watching the seagulls, a serpent, a small boy sleeping, the mower at his task or an old man feeding hens, Rob-

ert Francis speculates on the ways of the universe in these tightly compressed, meaningful small poems, mainly in free verse form. Many of them have been printed in magazines and newspapers.

Frederick, J. T., *ed.* Out of the Midwest; a collection of present-day writings. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $3.50 **810.8**

Revealing "the rich and varied and earnest life" of the Midwest from Upper Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota to Iowa and Illinois, the writings in this fine collection belong primarily to the new literary movement since 1910. Grouped regionally and preceded by Professor Frederick's descriptive introductions, the selections consist of short stories, poems, essays, excerpts from novels and editorials. Among the authors represented are Willa Cather, Booth Tarkington, McKinlay Kantor, Sherwood Anderson, Della T. Lutes, Walter Havighurst, William Allen White, Vachel Lindsay, Ruth Suckow, Phil Stong and Paul Engle.

Humphries, Rolfe. The summer landscape. Scribner $1.75 **811.5**

Contrasting the beauties of the changing seasons with the perplexities and growth of man's inner life, this slim collection of long poems and shorter lyrics are pointed, fanciful and subtly humorous. Besides the title poem, outstanding are: "The image," "The exiles," "Coming home," "Garden piece," "Polo grounds," "Meditation" and "Maybe." Some of the poems have appeared in magazines.

Werfel, F. V. Jacobowsky and the colonel; comedy of a tragedy; tr. by Gustave O. Arlt. Viking Press $2 **832.91**

Having rebuilt his life from scratch four times, Jacobowsky, a Polish Jew, finds himself in Paris in June 1940, about to embark on Flight Number Five. How in an antiquated car bought with Jacobowsky's money, the little Jew, an arrogant, artistocratic Polish colonel and his beautiful Parisian lady love, Marianne, flee toward the coast before the oncoming Nazis, and how, the more Marianne's appreciation of Jacobowsky's quick wit, thoughtfulness and miraculous ability to produce food and gasoline increases, the more the impractical colonel's hatred of his benefactor grows, is related in a series of scenes, many of them comic yet significant for their underlying seriousness and for the symbolism inherent in the characters.

History

†**Beard, C. A. & Beard, M. R.** A basic history of the United States. (New home lib.) Garden City Pub. Co. 69c **973**

A notable, succinct, popular interpretation by two distinguished historians of the "fundamental activities, ideas and interests which have entered into the development of American society from the colonial period to the contemporary age." In readable narrative style the chapters deal with such subjects as the Nation's background of migration and settlement, the rise of commerce and industry, social and intellectual growth, the conflict between Old and New World ideologies, party strife over government control, the centralization of economy, the aftermath of the first World War and the present world conflict. One double-page map and others in black and white. Brief reading list, list of presidents and vice presidents included in appendix, index.

†**Benét, S. V.** America. Farrar $1.50 **973**

Brief, poetically phrased, interpretive history of America written shortly before his death by the distinguished poet, Stephen Vincent Benét, at the suggestion of the Office of War Information. Epitomizing the American spirit and idea, he tells "something about the sort of people we are — something about the United States, what it believes in, how it grew, what ways of life it follows" and indicates its aims, intentions and goals for a future world, once the fight against the Axis is finished, and finished in such a manner that "our children and all children shall be free from the shadow of tyranny and the threat of new world wars."

†**Burns, Eugene.** Then there was one; the U.S.S. Enterprise and the first year of war. Harcourt $2.50 **940.545**

The "only cruiser story which encompasses the entire first year of the

war in the Pacific," this is a concise, well-written account of the remarkable career of the "U. S. S. Enterprise." Through firsthand and quoted reports an Associated Press war correspondent describes the "Big E's" performance in every carrier action of 1942 except the Coral Sea and paints a striking and memorable picture of ingenious and incredibly brave individual exploits and of the admirable unity that existed between officers and men. Official U. S. Navy photographs. Appendix.

Busch, N. F. My unconsidered judgment. Houghton $2 **940.548**

Bringing back from his recent travels sharp, amusing observations on the "inward character" of the countries he visited, the senior editor of *Life* magazine comments in witty, original vein on Argentinian "indecision," Egyptian "nobility," England's "happy mean" and Ireland's "painful repression." His pointed essays also give his impressions of such diverse personalities as a South African witch doctor, an Irish barkeeper, Jan Smuts, Ibn Saud and Anthony Eden. Some of the text and photographs appeared in *Life*. Colored map on end papers, photographs.

†Churchill, W. L. S. Onwards to victory; war speeches; comp. by Charles Eade. Little $3.50 **940.53**

Covering the period of Winston Churchill's tour of North Africa and the Middle East and his historic meeting with President Roosevelt at Casablanca, this volume of his speeches and messages, dating from February 1, 1943, to December 29, 1943, shows the turning of the tide in the course of the war and the assuming of the initiative by the United Nations. Chronological tables of events link the characteristically brilliant speeches which range from messages of historic significance to the casual note of greeting.

†Clapper, Raymond. Watching the world. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $3 **973.917**

A brief biographical sketch by Mrs Clapper precedes this selection of excerpts from the late Raymond Clapper's newspaper columns, broadcasts and magazine writings, so arranged as to form "a continuous picture of the history of the past decade" and including his final dispatch dated February 19, 1944. The strength of character, integrity and essential philosophy of this "average man's columnist" are displayed in Clapper's sound thinking and able interpretations and his independent views on a free press, on the Roosevelt administration, New Deal reforms, the present status of the Republican party, the responsibility of Congress to the Nation and on the course of the war and postwar problems. Portrait frontispiece and other photographs.

Curtiss, *Mrs* **M. K.,** *ed.* Letters home. Little $2.75 **940.548**

In presenting this collection of letters from men in the ranks of our Army and Navy, arranged in sequences to show the change from civilian to soldier, an associate professor of English at Smith College provides information about the daily life, the preoccupations and ideals of Americans from all over the country and now in all parts of the world. Moving, revealing and often inspiring are the intimate messages and significant comments to relatives, sweethearts and friends by paratrooper, reporter, engineer, merchant seaman, naval aviator, bombardier, radio technician and others as they experience training and the actuality of war. Index.

Fox, W. T. R. The super-powers; the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union; their responsibility for peace. (Yale Univ. Institute of International Studies. Publications) Harcourt $2 **940.531**

Assuming that the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union will be the first-rank powers in the postwar world, the author, research associate, Yale Institute of International Studies, examines the important issue of collaboration, mainly from the point of view of the superpowers themselves. In a forthright and penetrating analysis, he considers such subjects as distribution of power, former conflicts and present cooperation between Great Britain and the United States and the possibilities of a war between the Soviet eastern power-nucleus and the Anglo-American western aggregation. Finally he stresses the need for "a general security organization" to symbolize "the real world-wide community of interest in checking aggression." Notes, index.

Greenbie, M. L. (Barstow) (*Mrs* **Sydney Greenbie).** Lincoln's daughters of mercy. Putnam $3 **973.777**

A timely, well-documented brief history of the United States Sanitary Commission, the great relief organization of the Civil War, ancestor of the American Red Cross. Telling the stories of individual courageous, enterprising women who performed outstanding services "amid the horrors and misery of a terrible war," the lively record shows how Ladies' Aid Societies throughout the country affiliated themselves with a central government agency and how such "unheard-of and blessed institutions" as mobile canteens, ambulances, hospital ships and other vital services resulted. A condensed version of the book appeared in the *Reader's Digest*, August 1943. Bibliographical note.

†Grew, J. C. Ten years in Japan. Simon $3.75 **952**

In these selections from his private and official papers and from his diary, 1932–42, the former United States ambassador to Japan contributes a valuable chronological narrative, which affords a "more accurately focused view of Japan than is now widely held." His intimate, day-to-day comment and astute, objective appraisals of personalities and situations, spiced with sparkling humor and anecdote, constitute a remarkably enlightening picture of Japanese-American relations in the past decade. Portrait frontispiece and other photographs. List of Japanese officials and foreign diplomats, index.

†Lippmann, Walter. U. S. war aims. (Atlantic Monthly Press bk) Little $1.50 **940.531**

Clarifying American diplomatic relations with the Orient prior to the present world conflict, this vital, challenging and controversial book explains why we are at war with Japan and Germany and "how the way we have waged the war has shaped the peace that we must conserve and perfect." The author advocates a reversal of the Wilsonian principles of international order, holding that we must build a universal society on the existing regional groups, which he designates as the Atlantic Community, the Russian Orbit and the Chinese Community. In Mr Lippmann's opinion, the Moslem and Hindu nations will later form regional systems of their own. Documentary material in appendixes.

Postwar plans of the United nations by L. L. Lorwin (Twentieth Century Fund $2.50 **940.531**) gives "a general picture of the way in which the members of the United Nations plan to organize their own countries after the war and to coordinate their national policies for purposes of international cooperation." The clear, objective survey describes the domestic proposals and programs formulated by governments and government officials, by organized economic groups and by various social groups in the different countries, and touches on the economic and social conditions which influence the making of such plans in each country. Of reference value. Index.

†Pyle, E. T. Brave men. Holt $3 **940.548**

In this collection of dispatches from June 1943 to September 1944, as in his *Here is your war* (*Bookmark*, March 1944), Ernie Pyle notes with warm humanity and a keen eye for detail the reactions of fighter and leader even while he himself is experiencing the dangers and miseries of combat in the field. The unforgettably dramatic or tragic as well as the confusing, the mysterious, the funny or incongruous moments of D Day in Sicily, mountain fighting in Italy, the landing on the Anzio beachhead, the break-through in France and the liberation of Paris, "the loveliest, brightest story of our time," are covered in a faithful, moving narrative of "the way things are in this war." Index of persons and places.

†Strode, Hudson. Timeless Mexico. Harcourt $3.50 **972**

Based on careful research, firsthand observation and eyewitness accounts by persons instrumental in shaping Mexico's history, this enlightening and readable book revalues the story of the people of Mexico, placing emphasis on "the individuals who helped destiny shape events" and depicting those scenes and happenings which throw some special illumination on this "fascinating, poor-rich land." Mexico's heritage, struggle for independence from Spain, Revolution of 1910, present

relations with the United States and postwar future are among the topics discussed. Bibliography, index.

Mexico speaks by Guido Rosa (Day $3 **917.2**) expresses in a fresh and charmingly written interpretation "the savor of the thoughts" of the plain people of Mexico. The author, accompanied by a versatile and sympathetic young Mexican, traveled about the country in a recalcitrant, delapidated Chevrolet, listening to the voice of Mexico and observing how the people live. Through an apothecary, ministering to the ills of the poor, an earnest schoolteacher or a woman at her washing, he came to understand the spirit and political views of our neighbors. A group of illustrative photographs with captions by the author.

Tregaskis, R. W. Invasion diary. Random House $2.75 **940.542**

Covering the period from July 1943 to January 1944, the author of *Guadalcanal diary* (*Bookmark*, March 1943) gives a day-to-day, firsthand account of the Sicilian campaign, the invasion of Italy and the taking of Naples. In the thick of the fighting himself, he describes battles, the reactions of the men and the beauties of the terrain and his interviews with military and political leaders. Because of a brain injury when hit by a shell near Cassino, Tregaskis underwent an operation on his skull. His illuminating account of his sensations and experiences during this period brings the valuable record to a close. Colored maps on end papers, photographs. Index of names.

Visson, André. The coming struggle for peace. Viking Press $3 **940.531**

An international journalist, now associated with *Reader's Digest*, provides an authoritative, probing yet objective survey and analysis of the internal problems of the United Nations, more especially from their political and psychological angles. Visson devotes the major part of the volume to postwar issues at stake in Europe and the Near East, including such topics as British-American relations, the coordination of Anglo-American and Russian war strategies and peace aims, Poland's difficult situation and the future of France. A concluding chapter deals with the Far East. Index.

The Baltic riddle by Gregory Meiksins (Fischer $3 **947.4**) is a detailed, informing study of the complex national and social problems of the Baltic states — Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Supplying historical background, the book shows how Soviet and German policies have affected each of the countries and discusses the possible result of a plebiscite and their position in the postwar world. Statistical and other material in appendixes, bibliographical notes and list of recent publications in English, index.

†A war atlas for Americans; prepared with the assistance of the Office of war information; pub. for Council on books in wartime. Simon $2.50; $1 *paper* **940.549**

In this timely and valuable geography "designed to explain the basic pattern" of the second World War, the general reader may easily follow the military moves of the Axis and Allied Nations. The 84 clearly drawn maps, simulating that portion of a globe which can be seen at one time, are, for the most part, full-page and in two colors and they and the accompanying text provide "a reference to the past events of this war and a guide to the significance of future events." A folio. Index of names and places.

†Watts, Franklin, & Ausübel, Nathan, *eds.* Voices of history, 1943–44; speeches and papers of Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, Chiang, Hitler and other leaders delivered during 1943. (Gramercy publication) Phoenix $3.50 **909.82**

Arranged in chronological order, with a calendar of each month's events before each section, this important collection of unabridged official papers, speeches, messages and letters by world leaders serves as a continuous picture of Allied and Axis activities in 1943 and "as a guide for the reader in placing events." Of reference value. Twelve maps in black and white show the contemporary location of battle fronts. Index.

†Welles, Sumner. The time for decision. Harper $3 **973.917**

An important, critical analysis of United States foreign policy, with specific suggestions for future international relations, by the former under secretary of state. Part I is a frank

and able interpretation of events in Europe between the two great wars and an extremely interesting report of Mr Welles's official mission to the capitals of Europe in 1940, including apt comment on the personalities of the various leaders of state. Part II takes up the problems of different areas and countries in the light of their historical background, while Part III proposes a plan for world organization and warns the American people that "the decision they now make will determine their destiny." Folding map. Appendix, index.

†Wertenbaker, C. C. Invasion! Appleton-Century $2.50 **940.542**

On the spot at the time of the momentous invasion of France, the war correspondent for *Time* and *Life* gives a lucid, accurate and impressive account of the "careful planning, brilliant tactics, and magnificent fighting" displayed in the three weeks between June 6 and June 27, 1944, as, in the face of brutal weather and the terrifying German onslaught, the Allied armies secured the beachhead between Cherbourg and Pas de Calais. The reality and significance of the event are intensified by quoted reports from men who were actually on the beach on D Day and by Wertenbaker's own observations of generals and fighting men while going into action and living with the Ninth Division at its forward command post from June 15th until the day after Cherbourg fell. Map on end papers and a group of striking photographs by Ralph Capa, *Life* staff photographer.

Wriston, H. M. Strategy of peace. World Peace Foundation $1; 50c *paper* **940.531**

In a challenging, concise and enlightening exposition, Henry M. Wriston, president of Brown University, emphasizes the need of a sound strategy for winning the peace in order to defeat "the concept of total war" and considers the position of the United States in terms of interests and commitments in Canada, Greenland, the Caribbean, South America, the Far East and Europe. A basic peace treaty is also outlined.

Description and Travel

Arciniegas, Germán, *ed.* The green continent; a comprehensive view of Latin America by its leading writers; tr. from the Spanish and Portuguese by Harriet De Onís and others. Knopf $3.50 **918**

A picture of Latin America as seen by more than 30 of its outstanding writers is provided in these admirable selections from the works of native historians, biographers, essayists and novelists. Through vivid descriptions of the scenery, graphic accounts of historic conflicts and the formation of its great figures and through typical examples of local color, the anthology is an informing introduction to many aspects of life in the southern half of our hemisphere. An illuminating, brief preface by the editor precedes each excerpt. "Who's who" of authors.

Brogan, D. W. The American character. Knopf $2.50 **917.3**

In this astute and stimulating analysis of American principles and character, the author of *The English people* (*Bookmark*, May 1943) presents a fresh interpretation of "the most interesting country in the world." Showing how our society has been formed by a long, difficult, and novel historical process, Doctor Brogan discusses the moral, psychological, political and social aspects of life in different parts of the country and the national attitude toward war. The section, "The American way in war," appeared in part in *Harper's Magazine*.

†Cable, Mildred, & French, F. L. The Gobi desert. Macmillan $3.50 **915.17**

Written with great distinction of style, with keen powers of observation and with a warm human sympathy, this is the fascinating record of many years of travel over the Gobi Desert, as experienced by three dauntless women, itinerant missionaries. Capturing the magic, unique charm and the subtly changing aspect of the country and the gay and grim sides of the poor desert dwellers' life, the narrative goes into infinite detail in describing towns and oases, trade-routes, the remains of earlier culture and civilization, the noisy crowded bazars, and the organization, hardships and rewards of caravan life. Folding map. Frontispiece in color, and many photographs. Key to oasis names.

Cherne, L. M. The rest of your life. Doubleday $2.75 **917.3**

The executive secretary of the Research Institute of America explores the future of our country in this provocative and forthright discussion of "new ways of living" that will come out of the war. Without minimizing difficulties and dangers, he takes up such subjects as demobilization, reconversion to peacetime industries and unemployment, and considers the future of big business, the middle classes and labor, as well as of technology, medicine and psychiatry. A final chapter stresses the individual's responsibility in the coming "struggle between frustration and intelligence." Index.

†**Daniel, Hawthorne.** Islands of the East Indies. Putnam $2.50 **919.1**

A companion volume to *Islands of the Pacific* (*Bookmark,* May 1943), this valuable, easy-to-use handbook begins with New Guinea and, working to the west and north, describes the Moluccas, the Celebes, Borneo, Sumatra, Java, the lesser Sundas, Timor and the Philippines and supplies some information about their continental neighbors, Australia, the Malay Peninsula, Burma, Thailand and French Indo-China. Essential data are given concerning size, location, physical appearance, topography and climate, fauna and flora, peoples, languages, government, resources and development. Map on end papers and other maps. Index.

†**Helmericks,** *Mrs* **Constance.** We live in Alaska. Little $3 **917.98**

Having endured the rigors of life for a year at Anchorage, an outpost of Alaska, the young author and her husband built a canoe, shipped it to Fairbanks, the beginning of the waterways into the remote interior and from there set forth, with less than ten dollars in their pockets, for a 2500-mile trip down the Yukon to Russian Mission and over a portage into the Kuskokwim river. Whoever feels the lure of wild country will find this an absorbingly realistic account of the plucky couple's strenuous day-by-day struggles, their exciting or perilous moments, as they paddled along rain or shine, camping by night in their canoe or on mosquito-infested shores, getting their scanty provisions by hunting or fishing and berrying, with occasional visits at Indian stations or lonely fish camps and at the very last nearly getting caught in an ice jam. Map on end papers, photographs.

McCown, C. C. The ladder of progress in Palestine; a story of archaeological adventure. Harper $3.50 **913.32**

From this remarkably vivid, nontechnical description of the methods and achievements of typical, important Palestinian excavations, the intelligent reader will become aware of the fascination and value as well as the difficulties and limitations of archaeological work. Drawing upon his own experience, the director of the Palestine Institute, Pacific School of Religion, gives examples of continuous historical evolution and, ranging from Jerusalem and Samaria to Galilee and Gerasa, shows how archaeological research answers historical questions and contributes "to the development of social wisdom." Maps of Palestine on end papers and other maps, photograph frontispiece and other photographs, figures. Table of archaeological periods, general and selected bibliographies, index of biblical citations, index of persons, places and subjects.

Biography

Connolly, J. B. Sea-borne. Doubleday $3 **B** *or* **92**

Forsaking the quiet life of a dredge inspector at Savannah for a special engineering course at Harvard, and abruptly ending that to compete in the revival of the Olympic games at Athens in 1896, the author was off to a good start on his adventurous career. Thirty years of voyaging and writing for magazines have found James Connolly departing for England as an inexperienced hand on a cattle boat, sailing out of Gloucester on a summer mackerel trip, and on a voyage to the winter offshore banks. Then came cod fishing off Norway's Arctic coast, a visit to Kiel during the great yachting week and, when the first World War came, cruising with our Navy in European waters as *Collier's* naval correspondent. The chronicle, forthright and realistic in style, is packed with absorbing episodes.

Cushman, M. F. Missionary doctor. Harper $2.75 **B** *or* **92**

Released from family responsibilities at the age of 52, the author went to

Ocileso in West Africa as a medical missionary and remained there for 20 years, rejoicing not only in the many natives who became Christians but also in their fine qualities and in the ever-widening scope of her work. The narrative is full of interesting incidents which portray the life of the Umbundu villagers, their customs, their religion and government and the practices of the witch doctor and is, as well, an inspiring account of the doctor's own devoted life and work among the people. Map on end papers, photographs. Key to pronunciation of Umbundu words.

Leonowens, Anna. **Landon,** *Mrs* **M. D.** Anna and the King of Siam. Day $3.75 **B** *or* **92**

Anna Leonowens, a young English widow, went in the 1860's to the court of the King of Siam as governess in the royal harem. How Anna, her own position never less than precarious in the midst of an alien world, became the trusted friend of princess and slave alike, all imprisoned by walls and customs, and instilled in the young heir to the throne principles of justice and hatred of serfdom, and how this frail but indomitable woman, in her attempt to avert acts of gross injustice and cruelty, came in deadly conflict with the quixotic, brutal, feudal despot is related against the exotic background of tumultuous Siamese life with its endless contrasts, its pageantry and color, its festivals and solemn religious ceremonies. The unique, amazing narrative is based on Anna's own published works, for many years out of print, and on the author's research. Black and white chapter heads by Margaret Ayer.

†**Loveridge, Arthur.** Many happy days I've squandered. Harper $2.75 **B** *or* **92**

Following his amusing accounts of such boyhood pursuits as bird nesting, reptile hunting, and the skinning of every corpse of bird and beast that came his way, the English author, now curator of reptiles and amphibians at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology, goes on to relate his encounters as a young man with animal life in the African bush during the first World War. Always the naturalist, tropical campaigning in no way hampered his indefatigible zest for capturing spitting cobras and mambas, making pets of monkeys and mongooses or hunting such strange creatures as the aardvark, stalking wary herons or fighting invasions of the driver ants, "the terror par excellence." Unpretentious, entertaining yet informing volume. Photographs. Index.

Porter, Alyene. Papa was a preacher. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press $1.75 **B** *or* **92**

Papa was a Methodist parson in Texas, and annually he attended the "Conference" while his family remained at home anxiously waiting to find out if they could settle back into the same groove or whether they must depart, bag and baggage, to live in another town in another parsonage. The aspects of this nomad life as experienced by one of Papa's eight children are revealed in these amusing reminiscences of the years when the children, of varying ages and temperaments, were growing up, very much in the spotlight of watching congregations. Janet Smalley's pen and ink sketches are a lively supplement to the text.

Toussaint Louverture, P. D. **Korngold, Ralph.** Citizen Toussaint. Little $3 **B** *or* **92**

Richly depicting the history and social life of St Domingo before the birth of Toussaint Louverture in 1744, this readable, judicious, well-documented study estimates anew the character and accomplishments of the great Negro liberator of Haiti, who was a slave for 47 years out of the 59 of his existence. His spirited organization of insurrection is portrayed against an authentic background of rivalry and strife between Negroes and mulattoes, while his courageous defeat of the Spanish and British, his ambiguous relations with France and final arrest and imprisonment by Napoleon's order are vividly detailed. Map on end papers, portrait frontispiece in color. Bibliography, index.

†*Wilson, Woodrow.* **Johnson, G. W.** Woodrow Wilson. (*Look* picture bk) Harper $2 **B** *or* **92**

A sparkling, informing brief biography by the author of *American heroes and hero-worship* (*Bookmark*, January 1944) outlines the heritage and early life of "the unforgettable figure who has returned to haunt us," while carefully chosen full-page photographs

with captions depict the course of Woodrow Wilson's career after 1909. A well-printed quarto, with full-page colored portrait. Chronology.

Fiction

Brown, H. P. M. A walk in the sun. Knopf $2

A platoon of American soldiers, an integral part of an initial landing operation in Italy, first loses the lieutenant in command and then a sergeant. Seemingly forgotten and with little knowledge of their objective (a farmhouse six miles away in the heart of enemy country), the men set out under the command of Sergeant Porter, a good soldier but too near the end of his rope for such responsibility. As the long hours pass and the sun shines down on the men chatting and smoking, with vagrant thoughts drifting through their minds, two dependable corporals take over the leadership under which Porter has cracked, the men's morale stiffens, and calmly they proceed to carry out their job of capturing the enemy-held farmhouse. Dialog, action and the soldiers' reactions all have the ring of authenticity.

Carneiro, C. J. The bonfire; tr. from the Portuguese by Dudley Poore. Farrar $2.75

Burning with "an unquenchable bonfire of restless energy," quixotic Elias Arbe leaves his native Syria for Brazil in the 1890's, taking with him, besides his wife and many small daughters, a contingent of his compatriots who are filled with the desire to prosper in America. How, after phenomenal success as a storekeeper, Elias' resilient spirit overcomes innumerable vicissitudes in building up a mammoth coffee plantation and how his joy in the birth of a son changes to disappointment when the boy turns out to be a lover of music instead of the ambitious heir he has hoped for is told in a colorful, subtly humorous novel, rich in apt depiction of national characteristics.

De La Roche, Mazo. The building of Jalna. (Atlantic Monthly Press bk) Little $2.50

Having first met Adeline Whiteoak as a very old lady, very fiery and arrogant as she dominated her turbulent family clan, it is a fascinating occupation, the years rolled back to the 1850's, to come upon the beautiful, high-spirited Adeline and her stalwart, ardent Philip as they cut their ties with the old world and establish themselves on the fertile, smiling shores of Ontario. As the months pass during the building of Jalna, the home that is always to teem with life and emotion, Adeline is seen displaying those characteristics which are to distinguish certain of her children and her children's children down the generations, and, wrapped up though she is in her husband, captivating both men and callow youths of the neighborhood and stirring up more than one major crisis.

Gaither, *Mrs* **F. O. J.** The red cock crows. Macmillan $2.75

In the Mississippi cotton country of 1835, Yankee Adam Fiske sets up school and falls in love with charming, flirtatious and pampered Fanny Dalton, daughter of his patron, a wealthy plantation owner. Caught up and entangled in the harrowing events of an incredible "black rebellion," Adam nearly loses his life and the girl he has hoped to marry before the uprising is suppressed by a "Committee of Safety," making its own laws with its own court and lynchings as its weapons. A powerful dramatic novel, rich in the color and atmosphere of Southern plantation life and sharply contrasting master-slave relations in long stretches of tranquility and in the sudden flare of insurrection. Some unconventional passages.

Goudge, Elizabeth. Green Dolphin Street. Coward $3

Playing truant one day from their elegant home in a Channel Island town, 16-year-old, intense, wilful Marianne Le Patourel and her dimpled, happy little sister, Marguerite, run off into Green Dolphin Street and there encounter William Ozanne, a handsome boy newly arrived on the island. In that fateful moment Marianne falls irrevocably in love with William, who as promptly mixes up the two girls' names though his preference, then and always, is for the merry little girl. How it happens that Marianne years later, goes out to marry William established in New Zealand and how William, realizing to his horror, that his old trick of mixing names has caused

him to send for the wrong sister, determines to keep his secret is the improbable plot of a leisurely narrative which weaves the Ozannes' emotional struggles into New Zealand pioneering ventures and strife with hostile Maoris, all this a strange contrast to Marguerite's serene convent days at home.

Graham, Gwethalyn, *pseud.* Earth and high heaven. Lippincott $2.50

At a cocktail party in Montreal in 1942, the attractive young newspaper woman, Erica Drake, one of the well-known Westmount Drakes, meets Marc Reiser, a fine, sensitive Jewish lawyer, and they are immediately attracted to each other. In the obstacles arising to prevent their marriage is epitomized the burning problem of racial prejudice. The absorbing, intelligent modern story, vital in plot and characterization, sees Erica's close relationship with her implacable father shattered by her independent behavior while Marc's fear for her future, if linked with his, almost ruins any possibility of their happiness. A few unconventional scenes. Previously printed in *Collier's* magazine.

Mann, Thomas. Joseph the provider; tr. from the German by H. T. Lowe-Porter. Knopf $3

The fourth and concluding book of *Joseph and his brothers,* a vast and leisurely fable on the nature, state and destiny of man. The whole constitutes a work which, in encyclopedic scholarship, imaginative power and magnitude of conception, can hardly be approached by any other literary product of our time. In *Joseph the provider,* Thomas Mann resumes the story of the Biblical patriarch at the moment of his imprisonment for the affair of Potiphar's wife, follows Joseph's rise to power as Minister of Food and closes with the death of Joseph's father, Jacob. In the story, Joseph at last reaches full stature as a man when, as Egypt's administrator, he becomes the "provider," the preserver of life, the benefactor of mankind. Adapted from *James F. Fullington, The Atlantic Bookshelf,* September, 1944, p. 133.

Morton, *Mrs* **Jane.** Blackbirds on the lawn. Coward $2.50

At aristocratic Crandon, the Tarnol family farm in Kentucky, Linda and Susan have long nursed their inherited hatred of the Merrils, while honest, club-footed Henry Tarnol, former editor of the Sommertown *Star,* cherishes the memory of the time he taught lovely Dagma Merril's invalid son. When young Doctor Martin Merril is falsely and maliciously accused of causing a child's death, smoldering emotions flame anew. Though a wounded blackbird found on the Tarnol lawn presages, according to an old superstition, evil for the household, Henry's integrity of spirit resolves the years' bitterness and resentments and "the Tarnols and the Merrils are neighbors again."

Norway, N. S. (Nevil Shute, *pseud.*). Pastoral. Morrow $2.50

With over 50 raids to his credit, Flight Lieutenant Peter Marshall, a seasoned and reliable young pilot, falls suddenly in love with a W. A. A. F. section officer, neat, attractive Gervase Robertson, and loses no time in suggesting marriage and is as quickly refused. How greatly a pilot needs the secret armor of a quiet mind to do his job and to maintain the esprit de corps of his crew is revealed with skilful artistry and psychological acumen in a story which mingles the melody of love and of happiness in such simple pleasures as fishing or in finding the first primrose with brilliant descriptions of tense and perilous moments on bombing flights. A condensation of the novel appeared in the *Ladies' Home Journal.*

Puckette, *Mrs* **C. C.** Old Mitt laughs last. Bobbs $2

As a young girl Old Mitt had come from over across the Main to Whooping Island, had married and lived for 50 years in a "ramshackelty" cabin but never had she been accepted as a Whooping Island Liver by her blue-black South Carolina neighbors. In a story that is a humorous evocation of the folklore, superstitions and way of life of the Gullah Negroes, Old Mitt's yearning to sit high in the African Independent meeting and to become a member of the Hocus Pocus Free and Easy Club is, through a strange trick of Fate, finally satisfied. Chapter heads in black and white by Sandra James.

Queen, Ellery, *pseud., ed.* The misadventures of Sherlock Holmes. Little $2.50

An anthology of 33 of the finest parodies and pastiches of Sherlock Holmes, selected for the general reader and arranged in groups according to authors — the detective-story writers, famous literary figures, humorists etc. The highly diverting, humorous and satirical pieces are by Mark Twain, John Kendrick Bangs, Bret Harte, O. Henry, James Barrie, Stephen Leacock, Agatha Christie, Ellery Queen and Logan Clendenning and others. Each story is briefly introduced by the editor. Black and white drawing as frontispiece and other drawings. Bibliography and indexes of Sherlock Holmes' and Doctor Watson's other names.

Savage, Thomas. The pass. Doubleday $2.50

Over the pass to wild, isolated Horse Prairie in the little-known southwestern part of Montana, big, capable Jess Bentley takes his lovely young bride, Beth, in the spring of 1914 and there, from the first night when the neighbors give them a welcoming "shivaree," they are happy together. The fresh and moving romance depicts the quiet lives of the prairie people against a continuous fight with the elements, rising to a climax in a towering blizzard when Jess rises to the community leadership Beth had always expected of him.

Sharp, Margery (*Mrs* Geoffrey Castle). Cluny Brown. Little $2.50

After young Cluny Brown, seeking to enlarge her horizons, has tea at the Ritz all on her own, a sure and terrible evidence to her Uncle Arn, a respectable London plumber, that she doesn't "know her place," she is promptly sent into service at Friars Carmel in Devonshire. The deliciously diverting comedy, sparkling with the author's wit and shrewdly significant observation, follows the awkward, high-spirited Cluny as she gallops about the big house doing her work, engages in exciting conversation with the philandering Adam Belinski, a famous young Polish refugee, house guest of Andrew, the son and heir, and finally decides what to do with her life when offered the steady security of marriage by the village chemist, a highly proper young man. A serial version of the novel appeared in the *Ladies' Home Journal.*

Thane, Elswyth, *pseud.* **(*Mrs* William Beebe).** Yankee stranger. Duell $2.50

In Williamsburg, one gusty, stormy day just before the Civil War, a handsome, tall young Northerner, a newspaper correspondent, runs bang into lovely, 17-year-old Eden Day and, as suddenly, invades her heart. How Eden's remarkable "Gran," a beautiful old lady of 95 who had herself long ago fallen in love at first sight, aids and abets the lovers during the following terrible years is related in an attractive historical romance mingling events and effects of the war on human beings and clever characterizations in a deftly contrived plot.

Westmacott, Mary, *pseud.* Absent in the spring. Farrar $2.50

Traveling back from Baghdad to her home and husband in London after a hurried visit with her younger married daughter, smug, domineering Joan Scudamore has to spend several days in a lonely desert Rest House, awaiting a delayed train, with only her thoughts as companions. Like lizards popping out of holes in the clear, terrible desert light, incidents from her past life suddenly begin to torment her, showing her what kind of woman she really is, and filling her first with panic, then with contrition and finally with the longing for forgiveness for all the unhappiness she has caused her husband and children. What happens once she is safely back in her comfortable home brings to a neat conclusion an ironic little tale, marked by devastating as well as sensitive insights into character.

Mystery and detective stories

Burton, Miles. The shadow on the cliff. (Crime club) Doubleday $2

Carr, J. D. (Carr Dickson, Carter Dickson, *pseuds.*). Till death do us part. Harper $2

Lawrence, Hilda. Blood upon the snow. Simon $2

Punshon, E. R. The Conqueror Inn. Macmillan $2

Street, C. J. C. (John Rhode, *pseud.*). Men die at Cyprus lodge. Dodd $2

Walling, R. A. J. The corpse without a clue. Morrow $2

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